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RATHER: Based on information from U.S. intelligence sources in Washington, this broadcast last night reported that as many as 80 tankers were sitting idle in the Persian Gulf off the coast of Bahrain, fearful of sailing north into the Iran-Iraq war zone. However, CBS News correspondent Richard Roth in Bahrain reports that based on his own actual sightings, and reports from diplomatic sources, he believes the actual number of idle tankers in the gulf is considerably less, that many more tankers are waiting on the other side of the Strait of Hormuz in the Arabian Sea to enter the Persian Gulf.